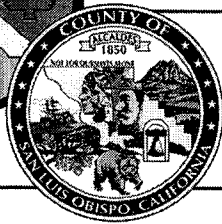


# COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

(1) DEPARTMENT County Fire		(2) MEETING DATE June 6, 2006		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Rick Giubbini (805) 543-4244	
(4) SUBJECT Request to apply for a grant from the Homeland Security Department, Assistance to Firefighters Grant program to assist with the purchasing of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus used during emergency incidents.					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST San Luis Obispo County Fire Department requests permission to apply for grant funding from the Assistance to Firefighters grant offered by the Homeland Security Department. County Fire would be requesting \$844,000 to replace 200 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) at \$4220 per unit. The grant has a 20% matching funds requirement of \$168,800 that will come out of the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Fund. County Fire currently uses approximately 200 SCBA which are between 5 and 12 years of age and approaching the end of their serviceable life. While the current inventory of SCBA's complies with current Cal-OSHA requirements for non WMD type of incidents, they do not comply with the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety (NIOSH) requirement for WMD type of incidents as outlined in NFPA 1981. Without these additional capabilities, County Fire's response to any type of WMD incident would be limited based on our current SCBA's and pose a great health risk to any emergency responders as well as prolonged exposure to the public until the incident can be mitigated. Grant funds would be effective in the 06/07 budget year.					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve County Fire's request to apply for a grant from the Homeland Security Department's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to assist with purchasing self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Assistance to FF Grant Fire Equip. Replace. account		(8) CURRENT YEAR COST \$0		(9) ANNUAL COST \$0	
(10) BUDGETED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A					
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): General Services will purchase the required items. The Federal Department of Homeland Security will administer the grant.					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All		(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)		(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____		(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date _____	
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Vincent Morris</i>					

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## CDF/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department

**TO:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**FROM:** MATT JENKINS, FIRE CHIEF

**DATE:** JUNE 6, 2006

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH PURCHASING SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS USED DURING EMERGENCY INCIDENTS.**

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve County Fire's request to apply for a grant from the Homeland Security Department's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to assist with purchasing self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)

### Discussion

San Luis Obispo County Fire Department requests permission to apply for grant funding from the Assistance to Firefighters grant offered by the Homeland Security Department. County Fire would be requesting \$844,000 to replace 200 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) at \$4220 per unit. The grant has a 20% matching funds requirement of \$168,800 that will come out of the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Fund.

SCBA are Cal OSHA required respirators used by emergency personnel during many types of emergency incidents including, vehicle and structural fires, hazardous materials incidents, confined space incidents and any incident that could be related to a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) type of incident.

County Fire currently uses approximately 200 SCBA which are between 5 and 12 years of age and approaching the end of their serviceable life. While the current inventory of SCBA's complies with current Cal-OSHA requirements for non WMD type of incidents, they do not comply with the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety (NIOSH) requirement for WMD type of incidents as outlined in

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NFPA 1981. Without these additional capabilities, County Fire's response to any type of WMD incident would be limited based on our current SCBA's and pose a great health risk to any emergency responders as well as prolonged exposure to the public until the incident can be mitigated.

The benefits provided by accepting this grant would be ensuring that our firefighters will be better protected from the potentially fatal atmospheres associated with WMD type incidents and result in a better protected community which we serve. Additionally, by using these funds to replace existing equipment that will have to be replaced in the near future anyway, we can save a future county expense of over \$600,000.

### **Other Agency Involvement / Impacts**

General Services will purchase the required items. The Federal Department of Homeland Security will administer the grant.

### **Financial Considerations**

Revenue from this grant will be received into the Federal Aid – other (account # 4250105). Spending authority will be placed in our Significant Value Purchase (account # 5050415). All equipment purchased through this grant will require 20% matching funds which will be funded from the Fire Department Replacement Equipment (account # 3250125).

This grant is not expected to be approved before the start of the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

### **Results**

The acquisition of 200 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) will assist the Department in achieving the goal of one SCBA for each emergency responder on each piece of emergency equipment while saving the county over \$600,000 in general fund money that would be needed over the next 5 years to replace these items. Additionally, by upgrading to SCBA's that are capable of operating on WMD type incidents, we will reduce the risk to our firefighters from toxic substances and thereby allowing us to more quickly and efficiently mitigate these types of incidents and increase the safety provided to the community we serve.

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